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Testimony

In Support of Proposed H.B No. 5934
An Act Concerning Naming a Portion of Route 63 In Honor of Guy Buzzannco

Transportation Committee February 9, 2015

Dear Chairman Maynard, Chairman Guerrera, Senator Boucher, Representative O'Dea and members of the Transportation Committee:

I am writing in support of H.B 5934 AN ACT CONCERNING NAMING A PORTION OF ROUTE 63 IN HONOR OF GUY BUZZANNCO.

Guy Buzzannco is the former Watertown Public Schools Board of Education chairman who last October lost his courageous battle with cancer. He was 53 years of age and had served on the Board of Education for about five years. He was extensively involved in the Watertown and Woodbury community in many service and nonprofit initiatives. At the time of his death, he left behind his wife Beth, his 10 year old son Alex, his 17 year old step-daughter, Jillian and many beloved other family and friends.

Guy was a humble servant and had so much more good work he wanted to do. I had the privilege of serving with him on the board of education and saw firsthand his passion for education and our community. He was a leader who made his community better. Guy lived his life by a basic principle from Dr. Martin Luther King who said, 'life's most persistent and urgent question is, what you are doing for others?'

Mr Chairman, in closing, the naming of a roadway in Watertown in honor of Mr. Buzzanneo will provide a lasting memory to the people of our community of the positive impact he made.

Thank you for your attention to this issue.

Sincerely,

Eric C. Berthel

State Representative - 68th District